OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

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[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—ED.]

The Lexington Hotel, corner of Twenty-second Street and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, the meeting place of the fifth annual convention of the Trained Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States, whose sessions will be held on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, May 1, 2, and 3.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE first annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association was held in Humane Society Hall at Albany April 15, 1902. The meeting was called to order by the president at ten A.M. with a few opening remarks. After roll-call and reading of minutes of the last meeting by the secretary, the treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Miss S. F. Palmer, chairman of the Committee on Incorporation, reported that the papers of incorporation of the New York State Nurses' Association were registered at the County Clerk's office in New York City and at the office of the Secretary of State at Albany, all requirements of the law having been complied with.

It was moved and carried that the completion of the by-laws be made the order of the morning.

The first and most important of the additional by-laws was on admission and representation, and is as follows:

"SECTION 1. Societies of nurses desirous of membership in the State Association shall make application in writing to the secretary of the association at least two months before a regular meeting, signed by the president and secretary of the local society, accompanied by a copy of their constitution and by-laws, with the annual dues for one year. The application of individuals shall also be made to the secretary two months before a regular meeting, and be accompanied by the full name and address, with the name of school and date of graduation, accompanied by the annual dues for one year.

"SECTION 2. Societies of nurses whose credentials have been endorsed by the Credentials Committee and whose application for membership in the State Association has been accepted by the association at a regular meeting shall be entitled to send delegates to all meetings of the association, and these delegates shall be entitled to cast one vote for each ten members of such society who are resident in the State of New York; but members of such societies who vote as founders or charter members or as permanent members shall not be included in this estimate.

"SECTION 3. The delegates who are actually present from local societies at the State meetings shall deposit the whole number of votes to which their societies are entitled as shown by the credentials which they shall bring with them from the secretaries of their societies.

"SECTION 4. The votes of individuals shall be cast in person.

"SECTION 5. New members may be admitted at any regular meeting of the association.

"SECTION 6. Members in arrears for one year shall not be entitled to the privileges of the association."

The next article accepted related to the formation of committees and instructions as to their mode of action.

The article on Dues and Fees was next considered and accepted:

"DUES AND FEES.—The dues for individual members shall be one dollar a year, and for societies at the rate of one dollar for each ten members, payable at the annual meeting."

After considering the remainder of the by-laws presented, a motion was made and carried that THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING be the recognized voice of the association and the reports of regular and annual meetings be sent to it for publication.

The afternoon session was chiefly given up to the election of officers and committees for the coming year.

Of the names submitted by the Nominating Committee the following were elected:

President, Miss Isabel Merritt, Cherry Valley; first vice-president, Miss Julia E. Baily, Rochester; second vice-president, Miss E. J. Keating, Buffalo; secretary, Miss E. C. Sanford, Rochester; treasurer, Miss Mary Brooks, Saratoga.

Trustees.—One year, Miss Maxwell, New York; two years, Miss S. F. Palmer, Rochester; three years, Miss Dock, New York.

The following were nominated and elected from the floor to serve with the officers and trustees as an Executive Committee: Miss Garden, Syracuse; Miss Rhodes, New York; Miss Van Kirk, New York.

These chairmen of the following committees were then chosen, each having power to choose her own colleagues:

On Revision of By-Laws, Miss I. R. Palmer, Albany.

On Legislation, Miss Allerton, Rochester.

On Press and Publication, Miss S. F. Palmer, Rochester.

On Finances, Mr. L. Bissell Sanford, New York City.

On Credentials, Miss Maxwell, New York City.

The Committee on Revision of By-Laws was then instructed to place the by-laws in their proper order and have the same printed with the constitution as soon as possible.

It was decided by vote that the next meeting should be held in the city of Utica the third Tuesday in July.

ELIZABETH C. SANFORD, Secretary,
46 Howell Street, Rochester, N. Y.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES.

THE member of the federation appointed on the Committee of the National Council of Women to arrange a Peace Demonstration is Mrs. Booth, one of Miss Maxwell's graduates during the time she spent at St. Luke's Hospital, New York.

May 15 will be celebrated all over the world by meetings where addresses will be given advocating the cause of peace and international arbitration, and setting forth the economic waste and the moral destructiveness of war.

L. L. DOCK,
Secretary.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES.

THE secretary reminds members that the next meeting will be held in Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Gretter presiding, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the second week of September. The programme will include papers on "Principles of Discipline," "Preparatory Work," "New Methods of Class Teaching," "Legislation and Registration," and "Examinations and Markings." No annual report will be published until after this meeting.

L. L. DOCK,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.—The regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia County Nurses' Association was held Wednesday, April 9, 1902, at three P.M., at the College of Physicians. The president, Miss Walker, was in the chair.

The reports of the Publication, Arrangement, and "Code of Ethics" Committees were called for. The "Code of Ethics" Committee not being unanimous, the members present decided to recommit the "Code" to the Business Committee.

The names of seven new applicants were presented.

A letter from the secretary of the Associated Alumnæ, New York, in response to an invitation from this society to hold the next convention—1903—in Philadelphia was read.

A report from Miss Ramsden on the expenses of running a club was also read.

Meeting adjourned, after which Professor Weygandt gave a lecture on "Hawthorne, Emerson, Poe, and Whitman."

N. M. CASEY,
M. G. ANDERS,
M. LEWIS,
Publication Committee.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The Alumnæ Association of St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City, will hold its annual meeting at the hospital at three-thirty P.M., May 2, 1902. All members are requested to attend, as there will be business of importance and the election of officers for the ensuing year. All graduates who are not yet members are cordially invited to attend the meeting.

CAROLINE MARQUIS,
Secretary.

STUDY COURSE OF ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ AS FOLLOWED BY NEW YORK MEMBERS.—It would be difficult to arrange a more attractive and interesting programme than that followed by the New York Alumnæ this winter, and much gratitude is due those who gave of their overburdened time. Mrs. von Wagner in her talk upon "Sanitary Inspection," Mr. Robert Ely in his two lectures upon "Sociology," and Mrs. Runkle's two lectures upon "Current Topics" must of necessity be of peculiar interest to nurses whose eyes are open to the conditions surrounding them. To have heard these lectures is to wish to hear many more. The "Tour with the City History Club," with Miss Hill and Dr. Kelly as guides, was most entertaining, and through Deidrich Knickerbocker and Janvier one lived again the early days of Manhattan. The afternoon spent at the vaccine laboratory of the Health Board of New York was most instructive, and thanks are due Dr. John H. Huddlestone and his associates for the courtesy and attention shown us. It has been the policy of the local committee in arranging for the lectures to have them given at the different clubs and hospitals, thus promoting social intercourse among the graduates of the different schools, and, as a consequence, preparing in a measure for dignified and concerted action in great questions affecting the graduate nurse, such as State legislation, etc.

REGULAR MEETINGS

LIBERTY BELL CAMP OF SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR NURSES.—Several of the Spanish-American War nurses residing in Philadelphia and its vicinity, having

determined to form a camp, held their first meeting January 3, 1902. There were present Rebecca Jackson, Clara E. Howard, Alliher E. Kimper, Adele Neeb, Anna E Schaffer, Henrietta S. Watson, and Mary E. Esser, who prepared and signed an application under the by-laws for authority to form a camp, to be called Liberty Bell Camp, and forwarded it at once to the corresponding secretary. A certificate of authority was regularly issued February 15, 1902. The nurses continued to hold regular meetings each month, and on April 4, 1902, formally organized with Rebecca Jackson, captain; Alliher E. Kimper, lieutenant, and Mary E. Esser, adjutant.

The meetings of Liberty Bell Camp are held at three o'clock in the afternoon of the first Friday in each month, except July, August, and September, at 1133 Girard Avenue, Philadelphia. A cordial invitation is extended to all Spanish-American War nurses to attend the meetings.

THE quarterly meeting of the Alumnæ Association of St. Mary's Training-School, Brooklyn, N. Y., was held Tuesday, April 8, at St. Mary's Hospital.

In the absence of the president the first vice-president called the meeting to order at four-thirty P.M. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

The delegate's report of the second meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association, which took place in the Academy of Medicine, New York City, January 30 and 31, was also read.

Miss H. Denehey was appointed treasurer instead of Miss Brock, who felt she could not fill the position satisfactorily, owing to other duties.

Miss A. B. Macdonald was appointed delegate to the annual convention in Chicago.

After important business matters were discussed the meeting adjourned.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.—At the regular monthly meeting of the alumnæ, held April 7, 1902, at three P.M., delegates to the annual convention were elected. For delegates, Miss Casey and Miss Schulze, with Miss Rudden and Miss Simpson alternates.

Motions carried:

First, that members be elected by ballot.

Second, that in electing new members three black balls will be sufficient to reject an applicant.

Third, that members whose dues are unpaid for two years be dropped from the association.

Fourth, that members who have been dropped may be reinstated on payment of back dues.

These motions to be amendments to the constitution.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SYRACUSE.—At the regular meeting, held March 27, sixteen nurses were present. The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were read and approved. The committee for the Nurses' Club reported that the alumnæ was to be incorporated. This committee was authorized to sign said petition when ready. The lease for the Nurses' Club is not to be signed until after the charter is secured. Letters were read from Miss Sophia F. Palmer, editor-in-chief of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, from Miss Ida R. Palmer, of the Albany Hospital, and from Miss Jennie Cheesebrough thanking

the alumnæ for flowers sent during illness. Miss Eva M. Gardner was appointed delegate to the meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association held in Albany April 15. Three songs were beautifully rendered by Miss Webb, after which refreshments were served, meeting adjourning at five o'clock.

St. Luke's, Chicago.—Owing to a press of work arising at that time, Miss Emma Dawson, who is superintendent of nurses at the Chicago Homœopathic Hospital, will not be able to act as delegate from St. Luke's Alumnæ Association, Chicago, to the Annual Convention of the Trained Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States, which meets in Chicago May 1, 2, and 3, and Miss Anne Louise Pearse will take her place.

At a recent meeting of the association Miss Alberta Gage, Miss V. Belle Beachley, Mrs. Agnes Wilson Sickles, Mrs. Annie Fryre Hutchinson, and Mrs. Louise Salter Wells were elected to membership.

Monroe County.—The second annual meeting of the Monroe County Nurses' Association was held at the Homœopathic Hospital, Rochester, March 25, with a good attendance. The following officers were elected: President, Miss E. C. Sanford; first vice-president, Miss Lee; second vice-president, Miss Allerton; recording secretary, Miss Frick; corresponding secretary, Miss Langstaff; treasurer, Miss McKenzie; directors—Miss Palmer, Miss E. J. Jones, Miss Frances Johnston, Miss Glidden.

It was decided that in place of the regular meeting in June the society would hold a banquet at one of the Lake resorts.

Milwaukee, Wis.—At a meeting of the graduates of the Milwaukee County Hospital, held on March 22, 1902, it was decided to form an alumnæ, the objects being the mutual benefit of the members, social and professional development, the establishment of a fund for sick nurses, and a systematic method of registration.

The following officers were elected to serve until after the first regular meeting, to be held June 14, 1902: President, Miss Louise Ludwig; vice-president, Miss Alma Bahr; secretary, Fern I. Fox; treasurer, Miss E. D. Smith.

Bellevue, New York.—There was a very large and interesting meeting held on March 20. The names of two new members were announced and fifteen new names proposed for membership. A letter from the Princess of Wales was presented by Miss Brennan. The society elected as delegates to the Convention of the Associated Alumnæ Miss Van Dursen, Miss Van Meter, and Mrs. Dewey. After the reading of a short paper upon "State Registration" by Miss Dock the meeting was adjourned.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—The monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Alumnæ was held Tuesday, April 1, Miss Monteith presiding in absence of the president. There was a large attendance. Among those present was Miss Emily Steinett, assistant superintendent of the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, Syracuse. Miss Mowatt was unanimously elected delegate to the New York State Nurses' Association. A motion was made and carried that the alumnæ be incorporated.

HARTFORD, CONN.—The quarterly meeting of the Hartford Alumnæ was held at the Nurses' Home, in Jefferson Street, on March 4, twenty-five members being present. It was decided to endeavor to raise ten thousand dollars for a free bed for graduate nurses. Miss M. Wilkinson gave a short talk on district nursing in the city, and after appointing Miss Harmony Twichell delegate to the National Convention the meeting was adjourned.

ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES.—At a special meeting held on February 17 Mrs. Annie R. Hutchinson, of St. Luke's Training-School, was elected president to succeed Miss Fulmer, who had resigned. There has been a slight change in the name, it having originally read, "Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Illinois." In March this association became affiliated with the Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs.

NEW YORK POST-GRADUATE CLUB.—This association has in the reading-room a Tabard Inn Library Station, a system of book exchange admirably suited to the needs of the trained nurse, who is here, there, and everywhere. The members will be glad to see anyone who wishes to avail herself of the privilege of taking books from the Tabard Inn between the hours of nine in the morning and ten in the evening.

LOCAL ASSOCIATION, NEW YORK.—On Monday, April 7, 1902, at 143 East Thirty-fifth Street, nurses, graduates of out-of-town schools residing in the Boroughs of Manhattan and Bronx, met and formally organized a local association. The officers are Miss McKechnie, president; Mrs. Kirchoff, vice-president; Miss Spring Rice, secretary, and Miss Wakefield, treasurer.

ANN ARBOR, MICH.—The Nurses' Alumnæ Association of the University of Michigan met March 27, 1902, at the Nurses' Home. After the close of the business meeting the nurses enjoyed a very interesting talk by Mrs. Josephine Murfin, State secretary of the King's Daughters, on the work of that organization. Mrs. Murfin also spoke briefly of her trip south.

THE Summer School of Philanthropic Work of the Charity Organization Society of New York will open on June 16, to last for six weeks. Nurses who contemplate taking up any kind of philanthropic work will find this course of great interest and advantage. Information will be given by Mr. P. W. Ayres, 105 East Twenty-second Street, New York City.

THE Buffalo Graduate Nurses' Association held its regular monthly meeting on April 7, at which time the nurses who had been appointed Sanitary Inspectors were made a Sanitary Aid Committee for the association.

OBITUARY

MISS MARTHA S. THOMPSON, a member of Allegheny General Hospital Alumnæ Association, died at her home in Fairchance, Pa., Monday, April 7, 1902.

While following her profession in California she fell ill of typhoid fever, from which she never fully recovered, developing tuberculosis, which caused her death.

Miss Thompson was a member of the Class of 1899.

ISABEL CHAYTOR,
Secretary.

THE members of the Rhode Island Hospital Nurses' Club record with sorrow the death of one of their members, Miss Emily Battles Coburn, on February 15. Miss Coburn had spent more than a year and a half in the school, where she was much beloved by all who knew her because of her cheerful, happy disposition, her untiring zeal as a nurse, and her sincerity as a friend.

To Miss Coburn's parents and immediate relations we extend our heartfelt sympathy, reminding them that she has only gone to a higher service. We commend them to the Author of all life, "who giveth His beloved sleep."

RUTH E. MILLER,
MARY G. HENNESSEY,
MARY H. MACDOUGALL,
Committee.